

Dunn's Corners Fire District
Operating Committee Meeting
September 9, 2025

The Dunn's Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 6:30 PM at Station One, Dunns Corners, Westerly, Rhode Island.

Attendees were comprised of OC members – Chief Keith Kenyon, Rich Thomsen, Bob Delaney, Ken Martin, and Paul Gencarella, A quorum was present.

Other Attendees: Attorney Michael Cozzolino
Friends of the Quonny Grange – Ron Mineo
Dunns Corners Tax Assessor

Paul Gencarella, Moderator coordinated the meeting.

Actions of OC (all votes unanimous unless otherwise noted).

Agenda Items:

Pledge of Allegiance – The meeting started at 6:32 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Previous Meeting Minutes – Motion was made and seconded to approve and file the Minutes of the August 12, 2025 Operating Committee Meeting.

FOTQG Report – Ann Bettinger gave the following report

Updates – Continue to manage expenses closely
Maintain active rental schedule – Will continue to provide Rich with list of requests for overflow parking
Holiday sing-a-long returning this year.

Any upcoming updates/uses of Grange area or training scheduled at Station 2. October 14th OC meeting is scheduled for the Grange.

Maintenance Items -

Drainage correction/issues - West side of building Chief has a call into DOT but has not heard back. May have to fix ourselves. Chief will call around and get ideas.

Bob Delaney asked are there any expenses since the end of May - Ann indicates two remaining windows have not been installed yet. Waiting on a statement from Mike for his work. Will submit shortly. Ann indicates grange is paying for maintenance work in the building.

Treasurer's Report – Bob Delaney gave the following report:

The expenses are tracking well against the budget and the rates are good.
Would like to open another three-month CD until payment of chassie is needed.
Hoping for a good year on maintenance regarding the trucks, that it won't rise.
Will pay off loan with the incoming funds.

Tax Assessors/Collector's Report – Rosalind Choquette, Tax Assessor

All tax bills have been prepared, reviewed and mailed out to property owners on August 22, 2025
The results for the month of August were \$25,303.09 resulting in a breakdown of \$16,373.39 from Westerly and \$8,929.70 from Charlestown.
The office will continue to answer phone calls and emails in a timely manner.

A motion was made and seconded to open a \$400,000.00 CD for three months to generate interest.

Chief's Report – Chief stated as follows:

For the month of August Fire 42 and EMS calls 13 for a total of 55.

Training Hours – 161 hours

Two sheds have been ordered, one for each station, they should arrive the beginning of Sept.

A motion was made and seconded to approve all reports that were given.

5-Year Capital Plan

Discussion regarding items to be worked on in 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028.

Roads in Contracting Districts

Chief states Shelter Harbor is one of the bigger issues – tree growth is really over growing. Bob Delaney asked should we send a letter to their Moderator. Chief is going to collect more data including pictures to show the new incoming Moderator.

FOTQG Contract

The Moderator has been in discussions with Ann Bettinger – suggested tabling until next month to discuss more thoroughly because Ann does not have all information yet. Moderator asked Ron Mineo what his thought was regarding the lease. Ron would like to have a discussion before bringing it to the Committee.

Bob Delaney states – there are concerns regarding ability to serve alcohol at an event of the District or the Department if the District is having an event at the Grange.

Ron Mineo's concern is the social host liability.

Two to three members of new committee are going to discuss this new contract.

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Operating Committee will be Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 6:30 PM at the Quonny Grange.

Old Business –

Engine Purchase – there is a meeting to be held in October for a prebuild meeting. There is nothing further to discuss at this time regarding financing and tariff matters.

Fieldstone Cisterns – there is no change – still waiting on the Town of Westerly.

East Beach Dry Hydrants – Dunns Corners flushed and pumped but they are responsible for them.

Public Comments - NONE

Motion was made, second and approved to adjourn meeting at approximately 7:20PM.

Linda F Garabedian, District Clerk